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URGENT 4-19-62 5-50 PM MST RAR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV. /29-29804/

FROM SAC, EL PASO /29-351/ /58-59/ 3 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ~~ET. AL.~~ ^{AND OTHERS} Interstate Transportation of stolen property - MAIL FRAUD, CONSPIRACY.

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ~~ET. AL.~~ ^{AND OTHERS} BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

DAILY SUMMARY.

~~REMYTELS~~ ^{TELETYPES} APRIL SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN LAST.

RE NEIMAN-MARCUS SALES TICKET PURPORTEDLY PERTAINING TO ORVILLE FREEMAN.

NO INQUIRIES RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER MADE BY EL PASO ^{DIVISION} DIV. OTHER THAN ACCEPT INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS. [REDACTED] GAVE NO INDICATION THAT KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ALLEGED TICKET IS WIDESPREAD. ON INTERVIEW INSTANT DATE WHICH WAS DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO ANOTHER SUBJECT MATTER, [REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED THAT THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ORVILLE FREEMAN SALES TICKET MIGHT WELL BE A CONFUSION ON SOMEONE-S PART AND HE, [REDACTED] WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED WHEN FACTS ARE IN THAT THE ALLEGED TRANSACTION PERTAINED TO JACOBS OR SOME OTHER ^{DEPARTMENT} DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES WHICH HE DOES NOT CARE TO IDENTIFY OBTAINED THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS TICKET FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS.

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RE CRASH OF TWIN ENGINE PLANE POSSIBLY OWNED OR LEASED BY
LYNDON JOHNSON.

NO DIRECT INQUIRIES MADE BY EL PASO ^{DIVISION} DIV. RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER
OTHER THAN ACCEPT INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]
WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO ANY PARTICULAR PLANE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ESTES, VOLUNTEERED DURING INTERVIEW APRIL EIGHTEEN
LAST, THAT ONLY CRASH HE RECALLS DURING PAST WHEREIN TWO PILOTS WERE
KILLED WAS AT JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS, WHERE PILOTS WERE FERRYING PLANE
OWNED OR LEASED BY V-P JOHNSON. THIS PLANE RECALLED AS A CONVAIR.
HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THIS WAS NOT ONE OF ESTES PLANES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

RE PENDING INVESTIGATION, EL PASO, CONCERNING BRIBERY MATTER.

[REDACTED] FARMERS ^{company} CO. WHICH IS OWNED
BY ESTES AT PECOS, [REDACTED] HE
HAD ONLY MET ONE ^{AGRICULTURAL} USDA EMPLOYEE WHO WAS WILLIAM MORRIS. SAID HE MET
MORRIS ONLY ON ONE OCCASION WHICH WAS IN ^{OCTOBER} OCT. OF NINETEEN SIXTYONE
AT FABENS, TEXAS, DURING THE COTTON FESTIVAL HELD THERE. [REDACTED]
STATED ESTES CUSTOMARILY GAVE HIS EMPLOYEES CLOTHING. STATED
THAT HIS SEPARATION FROM [REDACTED] WAS NOT DUE TO ANY ACTS OF ESTES
BUT WAS A PERSONAL MATTER BETWEEN HIM AND HIS EXWIFE.

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INTERVIEWS BEING HAD TOMORROW WITH FARMERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS WELL AS <sup>AGRICULTURE STABILIZATION AND
CONSERVATION SERVICE</sup> ~~ASCS~~ REPRESENTATIVES AT PECOS AND FORT STOCKTON.

CONTACT WILL BE MADE WITH PECOS DAILY NEWSPAPER RELATIVE TO
EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED]

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URGENT 4-19-62 6-07 PM CST FLL
TO DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SAC DALLAS /58-188/ /P/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ^{AND OTHERS} ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTERESTS. DAILY
SUMMARY.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INTERVIEWS COMPLETED DALLAS DIVISION TODAY WITH (USDA)
PERSONNEL, NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO SUBSTANTIATING ALLEGATIONS.

[REDACTED] TEXAS, STATED TODAY

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RECEIVED HIS INFORMATION RE ESTES- PURCHASES AT NEIMAN-MARCUS

FROM [REDACTED] TEXAS, PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED AND

FROM [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY,

RESULTS NOT YET ASCERTAINED. NO RECORD FOUND FOR E. E. JACOBS,
SEPTEMBER NINE THROUGH ELEVEN, LAST, AT FOUR MAJOR DOWNTOWN HOTELS,
INCLUDING STATLER-HILTON, ALTHOUGH JACOB-S BROTHER, (USDA) DALLAS,
STATED STAYED AT LATTER. RECORDS AT STATLER-HILTON REFLECT E. E.
JACOBS THERE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, RECORDS ADOLPHUS HOTEL THAT
HE WAS REGISTERED THERE DURING DAY ONLY JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST. RECORDS
SHERATON-DALLAS HOTEL MERELY REFLECT BILLS OF MORRIS [REDACTED]

PAID FOR DATES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN THERE.

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NEIMAN-MARCUS EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND SALES SLIP CHECKS COMPLETED. TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL INQUIRY SCHEDULED DALLAS TOMORROW. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO HAVE NEIMAN EMPLOYEES VIEW [REDACTED] JACOBS IF THEY APPEAR.

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AT FOUR THIRTYFIVE PM TODAY [REDACTED] SCRIPPS HOWARD, WASHINGTON, [REDACTED] CONTACTED NEIMAN-MARCUS, INQUIRED IF FBI REVIEWING SALES SLIPS OF ORVILLE FREEMAN. NEIMAN-MARCUS OFFICIAL INFORMED HIM ALL RECORDS SUBPOENAED BY TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ANY OTHER INFORMATION WOULD HAVE TO BE FURNISHED BY NEIMAN-MARCUS [REDACTED] NEIMAN-MARCUS ADVISES [REDACTED] WILL INFORM [REDACTED] NO INQUIRY BEING MADE RE FREEMAN SALES SLIPS AND ANY INFORMATION RE FBI INQUIRY MUST BE OBTAINED FROM FBI. NO INQUIRY THIS REGARD RECEIVED BY DALLAS OFFICE. ANY INQUIRY "WILL BE ANSWERED ~~QUOTE~~" NO COMMENT, " UNQUOTE.

Memo to [unclear] 11/14/62 [unclear]

EL PASO AND WFO ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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URGENT 4-19-62 7-51 PM CST WFM
TO DIRECTOR, FBI - ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /58-169/ 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES., [REDACTED] WILLIAM E. MORRIS.,

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EMERY E. JACOBS, AKA., ^{also known as} "QUOTE RED" END QUOTE., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

INFORMATION

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, EL PASO ORIGIN IN EXTENSIVE
~~Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property~~ AND OTHERS
~~ETSP~~, MAIL FRAUD, CONSPIRACY INVESTIGATION RE ESTES, ET AL,

IN RE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, COMPLAINTS FILED.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

TEXAS AG WILL WILSON HAS HELD HEARINGS WHICH DISCLOSE

ALLEGATIONS ESTES HAS GIVEN EXPENSIVE CLOTHING TO SOME OF

SUBJECTS ALL WASHINGTON ^{U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE} (USDA) OFFICIALS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGRICULTURE, WITH SUPERVISION OF AGRICULTURAL

STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE PAREN (ASCS) END PAREN,

MORRIS HIS ^{ASSISTANT} ASST, JACOBS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, (ASCS) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (ASCS.)

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NEW ORLEANS COMMODITY OFFICE, (ASCS,) WHICH HAS ^{APR 25 1962} ~~MAILED~~

SUPERVISION OF STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF COTTON AND COTTON

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SEED, HAS FILE REFLECTING BILLY SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES
FORMERLY OPERATED FARMERS STORAGE ^{company}~~CO.~~/SUDAN, TEXAS. DURING
APPROXIMATE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYSIX,
THIS WAS APPROVED STORAGE FACILITY FOR COTTON UNDER GOVERNMENT
LOAN. ONLY KNOWN CONTACT IN BEHALF (ASCS) AT SUDAN WAS BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO APPROVED FACILITY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (ASCS) NEW ORLEANS COMMODITY
OFFICE, CARE OF STATE (ASCS) OFFICE, [REDACTED] TIOGA
^{BUILDING}
~~BLDG.~~, TWO ZERO TWO ZERO MILVIA ^{STREET} ST., BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT [REDACTED] DETERMINE
NATURE AND EXTENT DEALINGS WITH ESTES AND KNOWN COMPANIES IN
WHICH ESTES HAS FINANCIAL INTEREST, AND IDENTITIES OF OTHER
(USDA) PERSONNEL WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH ESTES. DETERMINE
WHETHER ESTES HAS ENTERTAINED, GIVEN GIFTS OR BRIBES OR
OFFERED SAME TO CURRY FAVORITISM OR OTHERWISE.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, REPORT BY MONDAY
NEXT, LEADS BY TELETYPE TO INCLUDE BUREAU. SWORN SIGNED
STATEMENTS TO BE OBTAINED.

EL PASO AND ^{WASHINGTON FIELD} WFO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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[REDACTED]
ALL OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPARATE ON BOTH ^{MESSAGES} MSGS
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704) AND SACS, DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP; MF, CONSPIRACY (OO:EL PASO)

REDALLAS TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST REQUESTING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS
OF [REDACTED] MORRIS AND JACOBS.b6
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[REDACTED] TENN., AGE THIRTYFIVE, RACE WHITE, SEX MALE, HEIGHT
FIVE EIGHT TO FIVE NINE, WEIGHT ONE FORTYFIVE TO ONE FIFTY, HAIR
BROWN WITH GRAY SPOT IN FRONT, CREW CUT, BUILD MEDIUM, COMPLEXION
RUDDY, [REDACTED]
PLACE NOT KNOWN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VIRGINIA. ASN
FOUR FOUR ZERO TWO ZERO FOUR FIVE ONE AND ZERO DASH ONE EIGHT NINE
NINE FOUR ONE SIX, SERVED SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN, FORTYFOUR TO AUGUST
TEN, FORTYEIGHT, RECEIVED HONORABLE DISCHARGE, RESERVE STATUS,
MAJOR, NATIONAL GUARD; EDUCATION, BACHELORS DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE,
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE COLLEGE, BACHELOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE IN
AGRICULTURE IN ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS, IOWA STATE COLLEGE;

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DOCTORS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FOOD RESEARCH, INSTITUTE OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

EMERY E. JACOBS, AKA RED, JAKE, BORN JANUARY TEN, SEVEN, PRIOR, OKLAHOMA, AGE FIFTYFIVE, RACE WHITE, SEX MALE, HEIGHT FIVE ELEVEN, WEIGHT TWO FIFTEEN, HAIR GRAY DASH RED, EYES BLUE, ASN THREE THREE SIX FOUR THREE SEVEN ZERO SEVEN, PERIOD JULY TWENTYNINE, FORTYTHREE TO DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, FORTYTHREE, NSN THREE EIGHT TWO THREE THREE THREE, LIEUTENANT SECOND GRADE, PERIOD JUNE FOURTEEN, FORTYFOUR TO FEBRUARY EIGHT, FORTYSIX, ADDRESS ONE THREE ZERO NINE NORTH PIERCE, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AND ONE NINE ZERO FIVE NORTHWEST THIRTYFIRST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.; WIFE, MARY E. HOUSTON JACOBS, BORN DECEMBER TWENTYONE, SIX, STILLWATER, OKLA.

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, BORN OCTOBER FOUR, FIFTEEN, EPSIE, MONTANA, UNDER NAME OF WILLIAM EDGAR MORRIS, HOWEVER, PERSONNEL FILE REVEALS HE CLAIMS HE HAS USED NAME WILLIAM EUGENE MORRIS ALL HIS LIFE, AGE FORTYSIX, RACE WHITE, SEX MALE, HEIGHT FIVE NINE TO FIVE TEN, WEIGHT ONE NINETY, BUILD STOCKY, HAIR BROWN, WAVY TURNING GRAY, COMPLEXION FLORID, ADDRESS THREE EIGHT ZERO SIX BASIL ROAD, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA; MILITARY SERVICE FEBRUARY FOURTEEN,

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FORTYTHREE TO JUNE ELEVEN, FORTYTHREE, HONORABLY DISCHARGED,
SERVICE NOT INDICATED; EDUCATION, TULSA BUSINESS SCHOOL, TULSA,
OKLA., THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYSIX, COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL,
WASH., D.C., THIRTYSEVEN TO FORTYONE; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PLACE NOT INDICATED.

ABOVE FOR INFO OF EL PASO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: April 20, 1962

FROM : W. B. Welte *W*SUBJECT: *y* **BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY**

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In connection with the teletype from the Dallas Office noted on the morning of 4/19/62 wherein additional information concerning Orville Freeman was set forth, I contacted ASAC Kyle Clark, Dallas Office, at 8:30 a. m., 4/19/62, and asked him if Dallas Office had conducted any investigation of the allegations concerning Orville Freeman inasmuch as the El Paso teletype of 4/17/62 indicated that the information concerning the allegations about Freeman and Johnson were sent to the interested offices for information only and any leads were to be indicated by the Bureau. I pointed out to Clark that the Bureau had not authorized the coverage of any leads and desired to know if he had conducted investigation into the allegations concerning Freeman.

Clark advised that the information set forth in their teletype was that which was incidental to other phases of the Estes investigation and that no investigation was conducted into the allegations concerning Freeman. The records of Neiman-Marcus Company were already in the process of being examined by them.

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URGENT 4-20-62 9-03 PM MST DRH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND
SAC, DALLAS

FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 4 PAGE

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP DASH MF, CONSPIRACY.

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY DASH CONFLICT OF INTREST. DAILY
SUMMARY.

REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

RE PECOS DAILY NEWS, PECOS, TEXAS.

[REDACTED] STATES PECOS DAILY NEWS OWNED AND
OPERATED BY PECOS PRINTING COMPANY, INC. FIRST EDITION PUBLISHED AUGUST
ONE LAST. ESTES OWNES APPROXIMATELY EIGHTYONE PER CENT STOCK OF PECOS
PRINTING, THE BULK OF WHICH IS BEING HELD BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK
PENDING FULL PAYMENT [REDACTED]

OF SAME. ALICE MORRIS-S ARTICLE CAPTIONED QUOTE CAPITAL COMMENT UNQUOTE
FIRST APPEARED OCTOBER TWENTYTWO LAST AND CONTINUES THROUGH PRESENT
IN EACH SUNDAY EDITION. ALICE MORRIS NOT ON PAY ROLL, HOWEVER, ON
INSTRUCTIONS ORGINATING FROM ESTES, TWO CHECKS OF PECOS PRINTING
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COMPANY EACH TWO HUNDRED NINETYSIX DOLLARS ISSUED HER IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. NO ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS MADE.

RE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED NO KNOWLEDGE OF GIFTS OR BRIBES RELATIVE TO USDA EMPLOYEES. [REDACTED] DETERMINED TO BE IN TAFT, TEXAS, AND TELETYPE OF APRIL TWENTY INSTANT REQUESTED HOUSTON TO HANDLE.

RE ASCS OFFICE, REEVES COUNTY, PECOS.

[REDACTED] IN SWORN STATEMENT DENIED RECEIVING GIFTS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS. DID NOT GIVE ESTES OR HIS RELATIVES FAVORS. ADMITTED RECEIVING A HAM, FROM ESTES PAST TWO CHRISTMASES, ALSO WENT HUNTING ON FARM OF A BROTHER OF SUBJECT. ALSO ON ONE OCCASION BILLIE SOL ESTES PAID HIS NINETYFIVE CENT LUNCH TICKET BY OBTAINING CHECK FROM WAITRESS. DURING PAST THREE YEARS [REDACTED] FARMERS COMPANY BOWLING TEAM. COMPANY PAID TEAM EXPENSES AND BOWLING FEES. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE MORRIS AND JACOBS HAVE EACH BEEN TO PECOS ON ONE OCCASION AND ENTERTAINED AT ESTES-S HOME.

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RE SUITCASE MATTER.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED APRIL NINETEEN LAST FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO THE EFFECT THAT A SUITCASE WAS TRANS-
PORTED TO ABILENE, TEXAS, SHORT TIME PRIOR TO HIS ARREST ON MARCH
TWENTYNINE LAST BY ESTES-S PILOT, FOLLOWING INQUIRY MADE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON ESTES-S INSTRUCTIONS HE CARRIED
SUITCASE WEIGHING ABOUT THIRTY POUNDS ON PLANE LEAVING PECOS ABOUT
THREE PM MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST. STOPPED OFF AT PLAINVIEW, TEXAS ON
INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM ~~ESTES~~ AND PICKED UP SMALL PLASTIC
ZIPPER BAG CONTAINING CURRENCY FROM [REDACTED] LESTER STONE AGENCY
[REDACTED] ARRIVED IN ABILENE ABOUT FIVE PM AND TURNED OVER SUITCASE
AND PLASTIC BAG TO [REDACTED] BILLIE. DALLAS REQUESTED
TELEPHONICALLY TO CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION INCLUDING OBTAINING
SEARCH WARRANT TO LOCATE SUITCASE AND SMALL ZIPPER BAG.

[REDACTED] ON APRIL TWENTY INSTANT ADVISED SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS FOLLOWS, QUOTE [REDACTED]
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI - ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV.

AND SACS, WFO, KANSAS CITY AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 4-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES., ETAL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

RE DALLAS TEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT TODAY RE TEX. AG COURT OF INQUIRY,
LUBBOCK, TEX., APRIL NINETEEN LAST, IS CAPTIONED "SPECIAL
TREATMENT FOR ESTES RELATED". ARTICLE STATES CARL J. MILLER,
^{U.S. Dept. of Agriculture}
USDA OFFICIAL, WASHINGTON, ALLOWED SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLAR BOND OF ESTES FOR UNITED ELEVATORS TO STAND, DESPITE
RECOMMENDATION OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHTYONE THOUSAND DOLLAR
INCREASE BY USDA, WICHITA, KANSAS.

LETTER OF [REDACTED] USDA, WICHITA, TO UNITED ELEVATORS
REPORTEDLY STATED HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY WASHINGTON TO WAIVE
INCREASE.

[REDACTED] UNITED ELEVATORS, PLAINVIEW, TEX.,
REPORTEDLY TESTIFIED THIS WAS AFTER ESTES MADE TRIP TO
WASHINGTON TO CONFER WITH [REDACTED] TESTIFIED USDA NOW ASKING
TEN MILLION DOLLAR BOND RE SAME FACILITY. [REDACTED] HOWEVER,

READ-STATEMENT SAYING KNEW OF NO PREFERENCE GIVEN TO ESTES.

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[REDACTED] TESTIFIED BONDS FOR HIS ELEVATORS, TULIA AND HART, TEX., SET AT RATE OF ABOUT TEN CENT BOND FOR EVERY BUSHEL OF GRAIN STORED. AG WILSON REPORTEDLY INTERJECTED THAT ON THAT BASIS, BOND FOR ESTES UNITED ELEVATORS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIVE MILLION.

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ARTICLE, WASHINGTON DATELINE, STATES USDA SPOKESMAN, WASHINGTON, REPORTED ESTES CALLED AT USDA ON OR ABOUT JAN. TWENTYSIX, SIXTYONE, RAISING QUESTION OF RAISE IN BOND AND WAS ADVISED INDEPENDENT AUDIT REQUIRED. SUBSEQUENT AUDIT SHOWED NET WORTH OF TWELVE MILLION, WHICH WAS BASIS FOR ALLOWING SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND TO STAND. THIS BOND HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN INCREASED PREVIOUSLY FROM TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND ALTHOUGH ESTES INCREASING NET WORTH WOULD HAVE JUSTIFIED BOND REMAINING AT LOWER FIGURE.

USDA OFFICIAL, DALLAS, HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED ASCS ONCE COMPLAINED TO WASHINGTON RE LOW BOND OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND ON ELEVATOR OF ESTES, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED TO SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND, SUCH ELEVATOR BEING US WAREHOUSE ACT LICENSEE.

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KANSAS CITY AT WICHITA, KANSAS, INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE
ABOVE MATTER TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJECT OR OTHERS EXERCISED
UNDUE INFLUENCE IN ESTES BEHALF.

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WFO CONDUCT SAME INQUIRIES THROUGH APPROPRIATE USDA
OFFICIALS. SUGGEST CHECK [REDACTED] TRAVEL VOUCHERS AND
IF INVESTIGATION, DALLAS, REQUIRED, SUTEL.

RECORDS NEIMAN MARCUS, DALLAS, SPECIALTY STORE, REFLECT
[REDACTED] PREPARED TICKET ON CASH SALE,
OCT. TWENTYFIVE LAST, OF SHIRTS, BELTS, AND TIES, TOTALING ONE ^{190 96}
HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS, NINETY CENTS, SENT TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DC", [REDACTED] EMERY E. JACOBS, FORMER DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATOR, ASCS, USDA, WASHINGTON, DC. POST OFFICE RECORDS,
DALLAS, SHOW [REDACTED] ON JAN. THIRTYONE LAST, GAVE FORWARDING ADDRESS
[REDACTED] ARK.

COPIES OF REPORT, PERTINENT PHOTOS AND SALES DOCUMENTS BEING
FORWARDED LITTLE ROCK OVER WEEK END. LITTLE ROCK CONTACT [REDACTED]
AND ARRANGE INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF SAME. IN EVENT
[REDACTED] NOT LOCATED, LITTLE ROCK SUTEL DALLAS PRESENT LOCATION.

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BUREAU INSTRUCTS SIGNED STATEMENTS UNDER OATH, LEADS BY
TELETYPE WITH BUREAU INCLUDED.

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cc Mr. Rosen

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

FROM : W. B. Welte *W. B. Welte*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.
ITSP; MF; CONSPIRACY

DATE: April 20, 1962

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This is being prepared in order to route to file the original interview report form prepared by SA [redacted] and Assistant Director DeLoach and initialed by them.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/62

Mr. Walter Jenkins, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, was interviewed on 4/18/62. Mr. Jenkins was advised that with respect to this investigation, an allegation had been received that subject Estes on one occasion had given the Vice President a twin engine plane. It was indicated this plane was later involved in a crash which killed the pilot and co-pilot.

Mr. Jenkins was also advised that the second matter to be discussed with him did not concern an allegation or criticism of Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, however, the Director wanted the Vice President to know that in connection with this investigation a statement had been made by one source reflecting that at one time Commercial Solvents Company had gotten into serious financial trouble and was "bailed out" by Mrs. Johnson.

Due to the Vice President's unavailability, Jenkins advised he could handle this matter without any difficulty whatsoever, however, he would telephonically contact the Vice President and advise him of the matter without delay. He stated that for the record the Vice President hardly knew Estes. He possibly met him at a State Democratic Convention in Texas on one occasion, however, had never known him at all until January, 1962, when Estes came to Washington to attend a Democratic dinner. Jenkins mentioned that the twin engine plane in question cost approximately \$225,000 and was ordered and paid for by the then Senator Johnson. He stated that as a matter of fact the insurance moneys received as a result of the fatal crash allowed the Vice President to complete total payments for the plane. Jenkins made it quite clear that Vice President Johnson had not known Estes at the time the plane was purchased, furthermore, that Mrs. Johnson had never heard of the Commercial Solvents Company and, as a matter of fact, only knew Estes through reading about him in the newspapers.

Jenkins stated that the Vice President on one occasion had sent Estes an autographed photograph at Estes' specific request. Jenkins mentioned that no importance should be attached to this fact inasmuch as the Vice President sends out 50 autographed photographs per day and, as a matter of fact, sends them out to anyone who asks for one.

Also on 4/18/62, Jenkins stated that the Vice President once again wanted to deny that he had ever had any dealings whatsoever with Estes. The Vice President also desired to make it a matter of record that anyone that had put out a malicious rumor or lie of this

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by Assistant Director C. D. De Loach /imc File # E1 Paso #29-351
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/62

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman was interviewed on 4/18/62. Mr. Freeman was advised that an allegation had been received that he had received a vicuna suit and two pairs of alligator shoes from Estes.

Mr. Freeman appeared shocked upon receiving this information and stated that it was "a goddam lie." He said that he had only met Estes on one occasion and that time in his, the Secretary's, reception room. He said that he only shook hands with Estes and had had nothing to do with him.

He indicated that he would like to know whether the source of our information was employed by the Department of Agriculture as he felt that many employees who might have grievances would report such untrue allegations.

Secretary Freeman picked up the telephone, called the Attorney General, and asked the Attorney General what he should do. It is not known what the Attorney General told him, but he assured the Attorney General that he had never received any presents from Estes. He implied to the Attorney General that this might be some political trick to embarrass the Administration particularly in Texas.

Mr. Freeman was furnished only the allegation set out above and no comments were made concerning it. He expressed his appreciation for the Director's thoughtfulness in furnishing him this information and stated he wanted to assure Mr. Hoover that there was not a word of truth to it.

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of this particular nature should definitely be considered for prosecution. Jenkins stated that undoubtedly the person that reported this information had an ulterior motive.

Jenkins advised that the plane in question was purchased from the Brazos-Tenth Street Corporation, Austin, Texas. For a while it was leased on a part-time basis to the Democratic National Committee, and on a part-time basis to the Office of the then Senator Johnson before the Senator purchased it outright.

Mr. Jenkins stated he wanted to reiterate once again that Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson had never heard of the Commercial Solvents Company which she was alleged to have bailed out of financial difficulty. He further added that Mrs. Johnson had never met nor heard of subject Estes except through reading about him recently in newspapers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-20-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 6462-6463. Senator Williams, (R) Delaware, spoke concerning a resolution (S. Res. 331) he introduced on April 17, 1962, to investigate irregularities in the activities of the various branches of the Department of Agriculture. Senator Williams stated "The request for this investigation was particularly pointed at the financial transactions which had taken place between the Department of Agriculture and Mr. Billie Sol Estes, of Texas, and the allegation that numerous high officials in the Department of Agriculture had been the beneficiaries of his benevolences." He included with his remarks several newspaper articles including one from the Kansas City Star of April 15, 1962, entitled "A Political Star Dims—Emery E. Jacobs Has Ranged the Capitol Hill Paths for the Agriculture Department but a Report From Texas Changes Things—Link to Estes—The Embattled Tycoon Has Been Host at Two Democratic Parties" which was written by Jack Williams. The article states "Washington, ever alert for a fresh scandal, is wondering just how much the Agriculture Department is involved in the affairs of the fabulous Billie Sol Estes of Pecos, Tex. The FBI is investigating. A Federal grand jury has indicted Estes on 57 allegations of fraud."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-19-62- was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS

FROM SAC, HOUSTON 58-111

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRUBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. 00
DALLAS.

RE EL PASO TEL DATE REQUESTING INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, ADVISES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SIX AM TODAY BY AUTO EN ROUTE TO VISIT [REDACTED]

TEXAS. WILL.

RETURN TO [REDACTED] TUESDAY. DALLAS HANDLE.

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FROM - SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 1-PAGE

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. OO - DALLAS.
RE DALLAS TELETYPE DATED APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST.

REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED EL PASO TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL FARMERS
AT PECOS, TEXAS.

HOUSTON AT TAFT, TEXAS, INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WHO IT WAS DE-
TERMINED IS NOT IN PECOS, BUT CAN ^B WE LOCATED THROUGH HIS OFFICE AT
TAFT, TEXAS, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] OBTAIN
SWORN SIGNED STATEMENT FROM HIM RELATIVE TO HIS CONTACTS WITH ANY
USDA OFFICIALS, ANY GIFTS OR BRIBES AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF USDA OFFICIALS
VISITING BILLIE SOL ESTES AT PECOS AND THE PURPOSE OF ANY SUCH VISITS.
SUTEL BUREAU AND DALLAS RESULTS OF THIS INQUIRY AND EXPEDITE
SUBMISSION OF THREE ZERO TWOS TO DALLAS FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR REPORT.
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND

SACS, DALLAS /58-188 EL PASO AND WASH. FIELD
 FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY /58-194/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. EL PASO

OO. RE DALLAS TELETYPE TODAY.

LETTER FROM [REDACTED] AMS, WICHITA OFFICE, TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNITED ELEVATORS, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, DATED FEB. TEN,
 SIXTYONE, LOCATED IN AMS FILES, WICHITA. LETTER STATES SEVEN
 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND BEING ACCEPTED ON INSTRUCTIONS
 OF AMS OFFICE, WASH. AMS FILE DISCLOSED ESTES HAD CONTACTED
 [REDACTED] AMS, WASH. D. C. RE REDUCTION OF BOND. FILE
 CONTAINED NO EVIDENCE THAT ESTES EXERTED ANY INFLUENCE ON ANY
 AMS PERSONNEL, WICHITA. COPY OF ENTIRE AMS FILE REGARDING RE-
 DUCTION OF BOND OBTAINED. KANSAS CITY WILL SUREP APRIL TWENTY-
 THREE, SIXTYTWO. REPORT SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN DATED APRIL
 TWENTY, INST, SUBMITTED REFLECTING PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED INVESTI-
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC EL PASO /WOAETQ/

FROM SAC DALLAS 29-1096

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. ITSP DASH MF, CONSPIRACY. RE EL PASO

TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND DALLAS APRIL TWENTY, LAST. RE SUITCASE MATTER.

SEARCH WARRANTS OBTAINED FROM USC GLADYS M. WALLS, ABILENE DIVISION,
NDT, APRIL TWENTY, LAST. EXECUTED APRIL TWENTY ONE. RESIDENCE AND

[REDACTED] TEXAS, SEARCHED IN PRESENCE

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS WFO, AND EL PASO

FROM SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY /87-7903/ RUC 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. ITSP, MF. OO EL PASO.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, OC TEL
APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND OC REPORT OF SAA [REDACTED]
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EMERY E. JACOBS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAA [REDACTED] SEVEN
FORTYFIVE P. M. INSTANT DATE, STATED CONTACT WAS IN ACCORD WITH
PREVIOUS PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO THE EFFECT HE WOULD ADVISE
OC AGENTS OF HIS AVAILABILITY ON HIS, JACOB-S, RETURN FROM STATE
OF TEXAS BOARD OF INQUIRY.

JACOBS STATED SINCE TALKING TO OC AGENTS APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST
HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY DONALD O-DONALD, CHIEF, MC CLELLAN
SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE AND IS LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. A. M. OF
MONDAY, APRIL TWENTYTHREE. JACOBS STATED HE ALSO EXPECTS TO BE
IN WASHINGTON FOR CLOSING HIS APARTMENT, CLEANING OUT HIS DESK,
AND CLEARING UP BUSINESS, THEREFORE DURATION OF STAY IN WASH., D. C.
NOT DETERMINABLE AT THIS TIME.

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JACOBS STATED IN EVENT INFORMATION DESIRED FROM HIM BY FBI
PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO OKLAHOMA, THE PERSON OR OFFICE WHICH WOULD

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WFO, UACB OR OO WILL INTERVIEW JACOBS IN ACCORD WITH
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-194)
BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, ETAL
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Dallas - 00

Re Kansas City report of SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN
dated 4/20/62.

It is requested that office of origin in referenced
report be changed to "DALLAS".

EL PASO is requested to send one copy of referenced
report and enclosures listed therein to the Dallas Division.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATT- GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
AND SACS, KANSAS CITY, HOUSTON

FROM SAC DALLAS 58-188
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ^{also known as, AND OTHERS,} ~~ET AL~~, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
TELETYPE
RE HOUSTON ~~TEL~~, APRIL TWENTY, LAST. DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] TEXAS, SATURDAY, DECLINED TO
BE INTERVIEWED PENDING ADVICE OF COUNSEL, REQUESTED HE BE RECONTACTED
TAFT, TEXAS ON HIS RETURN THERE.

REPORT SPECIAL AGENT
RE ~~REP SA~~ CHARLES J. KELLERMAN, APRIL TWENTY, LAST, KANSAS CITY.

SINCE BONDS FOR ESTES WAREHOUSES LICENSED UNDER U. S. GOVERNMENT
WAREHOUSE ACT ARE MATTER FOR DISCRETION AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE,
AND BOND IN AT LEAST ONE CASE SUBJECT OF QUESTION IN RECENT HEARING
LUBBOCK, TEXAS, REQUEST KANSAS CITY, ~~WAGE~~, AT WICHITA, KANSAS, DETERMINE
FORMULA FOR SETTING AMOUNTS OF BONDS, BONDS SET FOR EACH ESTES OWNED
WAREHOUSE AND COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR WAREHOUSES OF OTHER OWNERS TEXAS

AREA. SIMILAR CHECK PROJECTED DALLAS FOR STATE LICENSED WAREHOUSES,
BONDS SET BY ~~ASCS, USDA~~ ^{AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND CONSERVATION SERVICE} KANSAS CITY NOTE DALLAS ORIGIN IN BRIBERY
ASPECTS ESTES INVESTIGATION SINCE GIFTS TO ~~USDA~~ PERSONNEL TOOK PLACE

DALLAS, ALSO BUREAU DESIRES FOUR COPIES REPORTS. FURNISH BUREAU ADDI-
TIONAL COPY AND DALLAS ADDITIONAL COPY FOR ~~USA~~, FORT WORTH. FRANK

CAIN, ATTORNEY FOR PACIFIC FINANCE COMPANY VERIFIED TESTIMONY ON HEARING

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FRIDAY, LAST, SWORN STATEMENT WILL BE TAKEN LATER THIS WEEK. ~~UACB~~
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[REDACTED] SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY,

INTERVIEWED AND ADMITTED RECEIVING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER

MONTH AS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING

COMPANY DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY UNTIL ABOUT

JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYONE WHEN HE RESIGNED FROM ^{UNIVERSAL C.I.T. CORPORATION} ~~CIT~~.

[REDACTED] CONTENDS THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST

THAT HE BECAME AWARE THAT THE MANY SALES OF AMMONIA TANKS BY

SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY WERE FOR THE MOST PART PHONY

AND THAT THE AMMONIA TANKS REPRESENTED IN THE CHATTEL

MORTGAGES WERE NON EXISTENT.

DALLAS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION *Walt*

FROM SAC, EL PASO /29-351/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP - MAIL FRAUD, CONSPIRACY. OO EL PASO.

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTERESTS. OO DALLAS.

DAILY SUMMARY.

REMYTEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

REPORT COVERING ALL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED EL PASO DIVISION
AND FORWARDED EL PASO IN THE BRIBERY MATTER ARE GOING TO BE FORWARDED
THIS DATE.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS EL PASO FGJ WILL BE RECALLED TO HEAR
ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY IN THE ITSP - MF - CONSPIRACY CASE.
DALLAS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 18, 1962

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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Mr. Rosen's memorandum, 4/18/62, recommended that Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman be advised that an allegation had been received that he had received a vicuna suit and two pairs of alligator shoes from Estes. (The Attorney General had been previously advised of this allegation.)

Mr. Freeman was advised of this allegation at 6:10 p.m., 4/18/62. He appeared shocked upon receiving this information and stated that it was "a goddamn lie." He said that he had only met Estes on one occasion and that time in his, the Secretary's, reception room. He said that he only shook hands with Estes and had had nothing to do with him.

He indicated that he would like to know whether the source of our information was employed by the Department of Agriculture as he felt that many employees who might have grievances would report such untrue allegations.

Secretary Freeman picked up the telephone, called the Attorney General, and asked the Attorney General what he should do. It is not known what the Attorney General told him, but he assured the Attorney General that he had never received any presents from Estes. He implied to the Attorney General that this might be some political trick to embarrass the Administration particularly in Texas.

Mr. Freeman was furnished only the allegation set out above and no comments were made concerning it. He expressed his appreciation for the Director's thoughtfulness in furnishing him this information and stated he wanted to assure Mr. Hoover that there was not a word of truth to it.

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For information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Mohr
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Evans
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY - BRIBERY

DATE: April 18, 1962

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This is to summarize information in captioned case. The original scheme involved the manufacture and sale of nonexistent anhydrous ammonia (fertilizer) tanks. During the course of the investigation of the swindle involved, allegations were received concerning gifts by Estes to various Government officials. Therefore, the investigation has been broadened to include investigation of possible bribes.

BILLIE SOL ESTES

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Estes was the kingpin, who together with Coleman S. McSpadden, Harold Orr and Ruell Alexander, was arrested by Bureau Agents on March 29, 1962, for transporting in interstate commerce falsely made securities. They were indicted April 5, 1962.

This phase of the investigation was and has been pressed vigorously as evidenced by the fact that despite the complexity of the scheme which involved approximately thirty-two million dollars, we initiated investigation on March 20, 1962, and made our arrests on March 29, 1962. The Department has been kept continually advised. (The last report sent to the Department contained 235 pages)

BRIBERY PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

The first information received at the Bureau from the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) was on April 13, 1962. We immediately instructed the Dallas Office to initiate a preliminary investigation to determine if there was a violation of Federal law. At the conclusion of this investigation on April 16, 1962, with the concurrence of the Department of Justice, we advised the USDA that we would handle all criminal violations. The investigation was immediately instituted by telephonic instructions to all offices

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - [redacted]

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

involved and we since continued to follow the matter closely and to exert an all out effort to resolve it as quickly as possible.

EMERY E. JACOBS, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, USDA

Salesman of the Neiman-Marcus Department Store in Texas and records of that store show that on September 8, 1961, Jacobs was outfitted with the following merchandise: two suits valued at \$245 each and two pairs of shoes valued at \$36 each. In addition, he received shirts, ties and handkerchiefs. These were paid for in cash by Jacobs who emerged from the fitting room with the money in his hand. Estes had entered the fitting room with him. Same sources show that on October 25, last, Estes again brought Jacobs to the store at which time Jacobs received a \$245 suit charged to Estes' account. He also received two pairs of alligator shoes valued at \$135 each, also charged to Estes' account.

The suits purchased September 8, were mailed by the store to Estes at the Washington Hotel, at Washington, D. C. The suit purchased October 25 was mailed by the store to [redacted] Jacobs. Upon being confronted with these allegations by Department of Agriculture personnel, Jacobs resigned on April 12, 1962. He contended that he paid for all the goods he received and that he was resigning so that he could return to Texas to defend himself.

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We have determined that Jacobs is not in the Texas area but information has been received that he is in Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City Office will interview him today.

[redacted] DALLAS COMMODITY OFFICE, USDA

[redacted] Emery Jacobs but investigation to date does not indicate that he could have been assistance to Estes nor that he accepted any gifts.

[redacted] Commodity Office, USDA, Dallas, was originally accused of receiving clothing from Estes, but at the present time investigation does not reflect that he is implicated.

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

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[redacted] U. S. Department

of Agriculture (USDA) [redacted]

[redacted] has been interviewed under oath. The substance of his lengthy statement is to the effect that he received no gifts more important than a dinner, some pecans and cigars in quantities of less than one box. [redacted] stated he had never interceded for Estes except on the basis of a telephone call from the Office of Senator Ralph Yarborough. The request from Yarborough's office was to treat Estes and several other businessmen "fairly under the law." [redacted] said he referred this to the Under Secretary and took no further action.

William Morris, [redacted] on separate occasions have admitted to the USDA that each received a postal money order in the amount of \$100 signed by Billie Sol Estes. They claim to have spent this money for \$100 tickets to a Democratic dinner which were subsequently given to Estes. They stated a memorandum had been sent to Mr. Freeman about this matter; however, the USDA has not been able to locate such a memorandum. [redacted] is being questioned by Agents on this.

[redacted] Emery E. Jacobs of USDA, was interviewed under oath. She admitted receiving two packages sent by Jacobs from Dallas, Texas. She later learned that the packages contained two suits and two pair of alligator shoes obtained by Jacobs at Dallas. (This verifies previous information which resulted in the resignation of Jacobs, except Jacobs stated it was one suit.)

WILLIAM E. MORRIS

Morris was an assistant [redacted] and the USDA has been attempting to locate him since 4/13/62. [redacted] Washington, D. C., advised our Washington Field Office on 4/17/62 that he represented Morris and has instructed Morris not to talk to anyone. Morris has been furnished a letter of charges dated 4/16/62 and has five days to answer in writing to show cause why he should not be removed from his position in the USDA. (We were previously advised that Morris had already been fired but it appears that further administrative action is necessary by USDA before he can be dropped

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

from the rolls.) Morris in a signed statement to USDA has admitted receiving a Texas hat from Estes. It is also noted that [redacted] Estes. (This would supply a good excuse for Estes to give money to the Morris family.) Our investigation of Morris is being vigorously pushed.

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A newspaper item indicated that the USDA was considering turning over to the Justice Department the case of the captioned individuals described as USDA employees. It was ascertained that [redacted]

and were not Federal employees. However, the Government has jurisdiction over some of their activities. [redacted] received a total of approximately \$4,000 and [redacted] approximately \$3,000 as payments to introduce land sellers to displaced producers. (This involves the purchase of cotton allotments and moving them from one state to another.) They returned all of the money. Bureau has conducted no investigation; however, Department of Agriculture handled investigation concerning [redacted] and this phase is being presented to the Department of Justice to determine if there is any Federal violation.

ORVILLE FREEMAN

[redacted] whose information resulted in the arrest and indictment of Estes and his associates, advised that there is a sales ticket made out to Orville Freeman by a Neiman-Marcus Department Store salesman for a Vicuna suit and two pair of alligator shoes, total value \$640. This ticket allegedly bears the notation "paid for by Estes with \$100 bills."

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Arrangements were made for interview with Orville Freeman, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, on the evening of April 18, 1962. A separate memorandum is being submitted concerning this interview.

VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

[redacted] alleges that Estes gave a twin-engine plane to Lyndon B. Johnson, and that this plane was involved in a crash which killed the pilot and copilot, both Johnson's employees.

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

Arrangements were made for Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson to be interviewed on the evening of April 18, 1962, and the results of this interview will be submitted in a separate memorandum.

Billie Sol Estes has always posed as a very moral man. [redacted] now advises that Estes has paid his former secretary \$10,000 to keep her quiet since she is four months pregnant.

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We will continue to maintain telephonic contact with all offices who are under continuing instruction to give this matter the highest priority and to resolve any questions immediately and handle investigation in the most expeditious way possible.

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URGENT 4-25-62 4-30 PM MST JRH

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM- SAC, EL PASO "29-351" 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET. AL., ITSP - MF, CONSPIRACY. DAILEY
SUMMARY.

AUSA CONSIDERING REQUESTING TRANSCRIPT OF
TESTIMONY HEARD THROUGH COURTS OF INQUIRY HELD BY TEXAS
ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT DALLAS AND EL PASO WITH
REFERENCE TO ITSP - MF MATTER.

BARRING ANY SIGNIFICANT RESULTS, UACB DAILY SUMMARY
BEING DISCONTINUED AT EL PASO. DALLAS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (58-11) *RUC*
SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL
BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST
(OO: Dallas)

RE: Houston teletype to Bureau, 4/18/62;
Houston airtel to Dallas, 4/19/62.

For information of the Bureau, appropriate FD-302's as concerns investigation at College Station, Texas, were enclosed to Dallas Division for inclusion into next report by referenced Houston airtel to Dallas, 4/19/62.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Welte
1 - Mr. Curran

April 26, 1962

This is to confirm your conversation with Assistant Director Courtney Evans of this Bureau on the evening of April 24, 1962. You had received a telephone call from Secretary of Agriculture Freeman, in which he requested information about a [redacted] who received gifts from the subject of this investigation.

Estes was the principal subject in a large-scale swindle and during the investigation information was developed that Department of Agriculture personnel had received gifts from him.

Secretary Freeman was advised telephonically on April 25, 1962, and subsequently by a confirming letter that we had conducted investigation in this matter and had referred the results to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. He was also advised that we would have no objection to any administrative inquiries he wanted to make concerning [redacted]. It was pointed out to him that any administrative action which his Department wanted to take would not interfere in any way with our investigation.

It was also pointed out that we have supplied the Criminal Division of the Department with copies of our investigative reports in this matter. Since the Criminal Division will have to make a determination as to what type of violation is involved in this matter, Secretary Freeman was advised that they would be in the best position to furnish him with any evidentiary material.

It would be appreciated in connection with the possible bribery aspect of this case if we could be advised at the earliest possible opportunity of the opinion of the Department as to whether or not a bribery violation does exist.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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April 26, 1962

Honorable Orville L. Freeman
The Secretary of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

This is in confirmation of the telephone call of Assistant Director Courtney Evans of this Bureau on April 25, 1962. The case involves Billie Sol Estes, who has been indicted in connection with a large swindle. You were concerned about information you had received alleging that [redacted] received gifts from Estes.

As Assistant Director Evans pointed out, we have no objection to any administrative inquiries that you feel must be made concerning [redacted]. In addition, any administrative action which your Department might want to take is, of course, your responsibility and will not interfere with any action which we may take or have taken.

With reference to your request to the Attorney General for any evidence developed during the FBI investigation concerning [redacted] we have furnished all reports in this investigation to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. We have also alerted them to your interest in obtaining evidence in this matter. Since it is the responsibility of that Division to determine what violations are involved, they are in the best position to handle your inquiry for evidence.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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